

HOUSE BILL 9061

By Cochran

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 21; Title 58, Chapter 2 and Title 68, relative to establishing uniform standards regarding vaccinations for COVID-19.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-21-301, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(1) As used in this subsection ( ):

(A) "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, commonly referred to as COVID-19, including any mutation of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19;

(B) "Entertainment venue" means a facility used for live musical or theatrical performances that receives public funds for the operation or maintenance of the facility;

(C) "Vaccine passport" means a document, digital record, or software application indicating that a person is immune to COVID-19, either through vaccination or infection and recovery; and

(D) "Vaccination status" means an indication of whether a person has received one (1) or more doses of a vaccine for COVID-19.

(2) It is a discriminatory practice for an entertainment venue to exclude, limit, segregate, refuse to serve, or otherwise discriminate against an individual based on the individual's vaccination status, whether the individual has a vaccine passport, or whether the individual has a document showing proof of a negative test for COVID-19.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.